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11. (SBU) Reftel requested that Embassy gather information on an Accounting Chamber audit of Asati that stemmed from money laundering allegations made by a former joint owner of the company. Embassy has been unable to obtain either information or even confirmation of such an audit. Embassy believes that the Accounting Chamber would provide confirmation of an audit with the submission of a formal request for information. Embassy is prepared to coordinate the drafting and delivery of this letter on OPIC's behalf.

 $\P2$. (SBU) Embassy point of contact for this matter is Clayton Hays, who can be reached at hayscp@state.gov, by phone at +7 (495) 728-5022, or by fax at +7 (495) 728-5154. RUSSELL